

Express Mail: EV 630723216 US

Preliminary Amendment A

Appl. No. TBA

April 26, 2006

Remarks

Applicants request consideration on the merits of the above-referenced patent application.

All citations in this amendment to Applicants' specification refer to the published parent International Publication No. WO 2005/044468.

The amendments to the specification are shown on pages 2-3. Applicants submit that none of the amendments introduce new matter. More specifically:

The first line of the specification has been amended to remove the word "title." In addition, lines 3-6 on page 1 have been removed so that the specification is more consistent with the content requirements of MPEP §608.01(a). Applicants submit that these amendments are permissible under MPEP §2163.07.

In accordance with MPEP §201.11(III) and §1893.03(C), a new section has been inserted at the beginning of the specification reciting the priority claim.

In accordance with MPEP §608.01(c), a field of the invention section has been inserted. This section is supported by Applicants' specification at, for example, the abstract on the cover page of the parent International Publication No. WO 2005/044468; and originally filed claims 1, 17, and 21.

An abstract has been added to the end of the specification in accordance with MPEP §608.01(b). This abstract is consistent with the abstract on the cover page of the parent International Publication No. WO 2005/044468. Applicants have enclosed a copy of the abstract on a clean page in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.72.

Other amendments rephrase the specification, *e.g.*, make the language more consistent. Applicants submit that such amendments are permissible under MPEP §2163.07.

* * * * *

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee that may be due in connection with this filing to Deposit Account No. **02-2334**. In addition, if there is ever any other fee deficiency or overpayment under 37 C.F.R. §1.16 or 1.17 in connection with this patent application, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such deficiency or overpayment to Deposit Account No. **02-2334**.

Express Mail: EV 630723216 US

Preliminary Amendment A

Appl. No. TBA

April 26, 2006

Applicants submit that the pending claims are in condition for allowance, and request that this application be allowed. The Examiner is requested to call the Undersigned if any issues arise that can be addressed over the phone to expedite examination of this application.

Respectfully submitted,



David M. Gryte, PTO Reg. No. 41,809

Senior Patent Counsel

Patent Department

Intervet Inc.

P.O. Box 318

29160 Intervet Lane

Millsboro, DE 19966

(302) 934-4395 (tel)

(302) 934-4305 (fax)

(314) 306-5400 (cell)

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 CFR §1.8

I certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service on **April 26, 2006** with sufficient postage as first class mail to **Mail Stop PCT, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450**.



DMG/DAP